

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below.

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58. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling access to a content having a plurality of parts transmitted over a plurality of communication paths, the method comprising:

transmitting an encrypted notification of a communication path on which a part of said content will be transmitted at a given time;

transmitting said part of said content on said communication path at said given time;

transmitting another encrypted notification of another communication path on which another part of said content will be transmitted at another given time; and

transmitting said another part of said content on said another communication path at said another given time.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 58, wherein said transmitting said another encrypted notification and said transmitting said another part of said content are repeated until all parts of said content have been transmitted.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 58, wherein said content comprises a continuous stream of an individual television program.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 58, wherein said plurality of notifications are transmitted at irregular intervals.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 58, further comprising viewing said plurality of parts of said content via an authorized client, wherein each of

said plurality of notifications is decrypted at said authorized client prior to transmission of said corresponding part of said content.

63. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 62, wherein said plurality of parts of said content are not encrypted prior to transmission on said plurality of communication paths.

64. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 58, further comprising viewing said plurality of parts of said content via a client that automatically switches to said communication path and to said another communication path based on said plurality of notifications.

65. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 58, wherein said transmitting said part of said content on said communication path and said transmitting said another part of said content on said another communication path prevent a non-authorized viewer from viewing said plurality of parts of said content.

66. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling access to a content having a plurality of parts transmitted over a plurality of communication paths, the method comprising:

- transmitting a notification of a communication path on which a part of said content will be transmitted at a given time from a server to a client;

- switching automatically by said client of said communication path;

- transmitting said part of said content on said communication path at said given time to said client;

- viewing said part of said content on said communication path via said client;

- transmitting another notification of another communication path on which another part of said content will be transmitted at another given time from said server to said client;

- switching automatically by said client of said another communication path;

transmitting said another part of said content on said another communication path at said another given time to said client; and

viewing said another part of said content on said communication path via said client.

67. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 66, wherein said transmitting said another notification, said automatic switching by said client of said another communication path, said transmitting said another part of said content, and said viewing said another part of said content are all repeated until all parts of said content have been transmitted.

68. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 66, wherein said content comprises a continuous stream of an individual television program.

69. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 66, wherein said plurality of notifications are transmitted at irregular intervals.

70. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 66, wherein said plurality of notifications are each encrypted prior to transmission from said server.

71. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 70, wherein said plurality parts of said content are not encrypted prior to transmission from said server.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 66, wherein said transmitting said part of said content of said communication path, said automatically switching to said communication path, said transmitting said another part of said content on said another communication path, and said automatically switching to said another communication path prevent a non-authorized viewer from viewing said plurality of parts of said content.

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90. (Previously Presented) A system for controlling access to a content comprising:

- a content having a plurality of parts;
- a plurality of communication paths;
- a server; and

- a plurality of encrypted notifications, each of said plurality of encrypted notifications notifying a client of a communication path on which a corresponding part of said content will be transmitted at a given time;

wherein said server repeatedly transmits an encrypted notification of said plurality of notifications until all parts of said content have been transmitted.

91. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 90, wherein said content comprises a continuous stream of an individual television program.

92. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 90, wherein said plurality of notifications are transmitted from said server at irregular intervals.

93. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 90, further comprising a client for obtaining said plurality of parts of said content and wherein each of said plurality of notifications is decrypted prior to said client obtaining said corresponding part of said content.

94. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 93, wherein said plurality of parts of said content are not encrypted prior to transmission from said server.

95. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 93, further comprising a client for obtaining said plurality of notifications and wherein said client obtains said plurality of parts of said content by automatically switching communication paths in

accordance with a sequence of transmission of said content based on said plurality of obtained notifications.

96. (Previously Presented) A system for controlling access to a content comprising:

- an individual television program having a plurality of parts;

- a plurality of communication paths;

- a selected client; and

- a server coupled to said client via said plurality of communication paths, said server transmitting a notification to said client of a communication path of said plurality of communication paths on which a part of said program will be transmitted at a given time and transmitting another notification to said client of another communication path of said plurality of communication paths on which another part of said program will be transmitted at another given time;

- wherein said client automatically switches to said communication path at said given time and automatically switches to said another communication path at said another given time;

- wherein said plurality of notifications are transmitted from said server to said client at irregular intervals; and

- wherein said plurality of notifications are each encrypted at said server.

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